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Hezekiah Stetson

Chloe Stetson

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Chloe Stetson widow

of
Heretciak Stetson
Resolve March 16. 1836

Filed Dec. 15. 1836.

Rejected
No enlistment for 3
years or D.M.

Thomas Clark, agent

Know all Men by these Presents, that I

of the County of York, State of Maine, being the same person by whom the foregoing declaration was made, do hereby

attest and seal this

day of December, A.D. 1836

My true and lawful

attorney is hereby authorized and empowered upon the receipt of said certificate for me and in my

the deceased Officers and Soldiers, to the benefit of which Resolve I am entitled. And my said

Resolve in favor of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and the Widows of

as he may issue to me, in virtue of a Resolve of the said State, passed March 15, 1835, entitled a

Attorney for me and in my name, to receive from the Land Agent of the State of Maine, such certificate

constitute and appoint

and State of Maine, being the same person by whom the foregoing declaration was made, do hereby

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I *Chloe Stetson* _____ of *Hartford* _____ in the County of *Oxford* - and State of Maine, aged - *seventy one* years, do, upon oath, declare in order to obtain the benefit of a Resolve of the Legislature of Maine, passed March 17, 1835, entitled a "Resolve in favor of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and the Widows of the deceased Officers and Soldiers," that I am the widow of *Hezekiah Stetson* - late of *Sumner* - in the County of *Oxford* - and State of Maine, who died at *said Sumner* on the *third* day of *March* -

A. D. 1833 That I have reason to believe, and do fully believe, that my said late husband, *as private* *Hezekiah Stetson* - did enlist ⁱⁿ the service of the United States, in the *Massachusetts line* - for the term of three years I do not know the officers under whom he served - he served for that term & several other terms & was honorably discharged from the service at the expiration of said terms - he was, at the time of his decease, a pensioner under the act of June 7, 1832, and was likewise a pensioner under the act of 10 March 1810, from which he was dropped under the act of May 10, 1820

I do further on oath declare that I have reason to believe, and do fully believe, that my said late husband, *Hezekiah Stetson* - was at the time of his said enlistment, an inhabitant of *Plymton in the county of Plymouth Massachusetts*

and that I do know that he was at the time of his decease as aforesaid, an inhabitant of the said State of Maine, residing in *Sumner* aforesaid, where he had resided for *forty or fifty* years before his decease. That I have reason to believe, and do fully believe, that neither my said late husband, nor any one claiming under him did receive, (nor have I received since his decease,) a grant of land, or money in lieu thereof, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for his said service, or any other service during the Revolutionary War, and that I am therefore justly entitled to the full benefit of said Resolve.

Chloe Stetson

STATE OF MAINE.

Oxford ss....Subscribed and sworn to this *9th* day of *December* 1836
BEFORE ME,

Thomas Clark

Justice of the Peace.

Oxford fs. December 10. 1836.

I the subscriber, Judge of Probate, within & for said county, hereby
certify, that satisfactory evidence has been adduced to me, that
Chloe Stetson was the lawful wife of Hezekiah Stetson
deceased - and now his widow and unmarried
Stephen Emery

Know all Men by these Presents, That I

Chloe Stetson of *Hartford* in the County of *Oxford*
and State of Maine, being the same person by whom the foregoing declaration was made, do hereby
constitute and appoint *Thomas Clark* of *Penn, Esq.* my true and lawful
Attorney for me and in my name, to receive from the Land Agent of the State of Maine, such certificate
as he may issue to me, in virtue of a Resolve of the said State, passed March 17, 1835, entitled a
"Resolve in favor of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and the Widows of
the deceased Officers and Soldiers," to the benefit of which Resolve I am entitled. And my said
Attorney is hereby authorized and empowered upon the receipt of said certificate, for me and in my
name, to execute such receipt or acknowledgment therefor, as I might, were I personally present.

HEREBY ratifying and confirming whatever my said Attorney shall do by virtue hereof, Witness my
hand and seal this *9th* day of *December* A. D. 183*6*

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED
IN PRESENCE OF

Thomas Clark

Chloe Stetson

STATE OF MAINE.

Oxford

ss.

Be it Known, that on this *9th* day of *December* 183*6*,
before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for said County, personally appeared *Chloe*
Stetson above named, and acknowledged the foregoing power of Attorney by her signed,
to be her free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto subscribe my name the day and year last above mentioned.

Thomas Clark

Justice of the Peace.

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Chloe Stetson, widow

Elisha Bisbee

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STATE OF MAINE.

Chloe Stetson

A. D. 1836.

might, were I personally present.

Resolved I am entitled. And my said Attorney is hereby authorized and empowered upon the receipt of
indemnity. And the Widows of the deceased Officers and Soldiers, to the benefit of which
eight hundred and thirty-five dollars, Resolved in favor of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revo-
lutionary soldiers, passed March 16, 1836, entitled a
Attorney for me and in my name, to receive from the Land Agent of the State of Maine, such certificate
constitute and appoint my true and lawful
and State of Maine, doing the same person by whom the foregoing declaration was made, do hereby
in the County of

Know all Men by these Presents, That I

I *Chloe Stetson* of *Hartford* in the County of *Oxford* and State of Maine, aged *seventy one* years, do, upon oath, declare

in order to obtain the benefit of a Resolve of the Legislature of Maine, ~~passed March 24, 1836, entitled~~
~~a "Resolve additional to a Resolve,~~ passed March seventeenth, in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and thirty-five, entitled 'Resolve in favor of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revolu-

and additional resolve passed March 16, 1836,
lutionary War, and the Widows of the deceased Officers and Soldiers,' that I am the widow of
Elisha Bisbee late of *Sumner* in the County of *Oxford*
and state of Maine, who died at *Sumner* on the *fourth*
day of *December* A. D. 1826 That I have reason to believe, and do fully believe,

that my said late husband, *Elisha Bisbee* did enlist into the service of the

United States, in the Mapt. line, as a private, for the term of three years. I do
not know the officers under whom he served - he however served for that term
and for several other terms & was honorably discharged at the expiration of
said terms - and was at the time of his decease a pensioner, under the act of
March 18. 1818 - he was, while in the service, promoted to a Lieutenant

I do further on oath declare that I have reason to believe, and do fully believe, that my said late
husband, *Elisha Bisbee* was at the time of his said enlistment, an inhabitant of
Pembroke, in the county of Plymouth Massachusetts

and that I do know that he was at the time of his decease as aforesaid, an
inhabitant of the said State of Maine, residing in *Sumner* aforesaid, where he had resided for
about fifty years before his decease. That I have reason to believe, and do fully believe,
that neither my said late husband, nor any one claiming under him did receive, (nor have I received
since his decease,) a grant of land, or money in lieu thereof, either from the Commonwealth of Massa-
chusetts, or the State of Maine, for his said service, or any other service during the Revolutionary
War, and that I am therefore justly entitled to the full benefit of said Resolve.

Chloe Stetson

STATE OF MAINE.

Oxford

ss....Subscribed and sworn to this

9th

day of *December* 1836.

BEFORE ME,

Thomas Clark

Justice of the Peace.

Oxford ss. December 10, 1836.

I the subscriber, Judge of Probate, within & for said county, hereby
certify, that satisfactory evidence has been adduced to me
that, Chloe Stetson was formerly the lawful wife of
Elisha Bisbee late of Sumner in said county - Since
married to Hephiah Stetson, now deceased - and
now remains the widow of said Bisbee & Stetson - and
unmarried -
Stephen Emery

I do further on oath declare that I have reason to believe, and do fully believe, that my said late
husband, Elisha Bisbee, was at the time of his said death, an inhabitant of

and that I do know that he was at the time of his decease as aforesaid, an
inhabitant of the said State of Maine, residing in Sumner, where he had resided for
years before his decease. That I have reason to believe, and do fully believe,
that neither my said late husband, nor an, nor claiming under him, did receive (nor have I received
since his decease) a grant of land, or money in lieu thereof, either from the Commonwealth of Mass-
achusetts, or the State of Maine, for his said service, or any other service during the Revolutionary
War, and that I am therefore fully entitled to the full benefit of said resolve.

That I am therefore fully entitled to the full benefit of said resolve.

That I am therefore fully entitled to the full benefit of said resolve.

STATUTE OF MAINE.

day of December 1836.

Witness my hand and seal of office, at the Court House in the County of Oxford, this 10th day of December, 1836.

Stephen Emery

Know all Men by these Presents, That I

Chloe Stetson — of *Hartford* in the County of *Oxford*
and State of Maine, being the same person by whom the foregoing declaration was made, do hereby constitute and appoint *Thomas Clark* of *Parr, Cory,* my true and lawful Attorney for me and in my name, to receive from the Land Agent of the State of Maine, such certificate as he may issue to me, in virtue of a Resolve of the said State, passed March ~~17~~ *16*, 1836, entitled a "~~Resolve additional to a Resolve, passed March seventeenth, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty five, entitled~~ 'Resolve in favor of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and the Widows of the deceased Officers and Soldiers,' " to the benefit of which Resolve I am entitled. And my said Attorney is hereby authorized and empowered upon the receipt of said certificate, for me and in my name, to execute such receipt or acknowledgment therefor, as I might, were I personally present.

HEREBY ratifying and confirming whatever my Attorney shall do by virtue hereof, Witness my hand and seal this *9th* — day of *December* A. D. 1836.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED
IN PRESENCE OF

Thomas Clark

Chloe Stetson

STATE OF MAINE.

Oxford ss.
Be it Known, that on this *9th* — day of *December* 1836,
before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for said County, personally appeared *Chloe Stetson* above named, and acknowledged the foregoing power of Attorney by her signed, to be her free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto subscribe my name the day and year last above mentioned.

Thomas Clark

Justice of the Peace.

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I Hzekiah Statson, a resident citizen of the United States of America, an inhabitant of Sumner in the County of Oxford and State of Massachusetts, on oath declare that at Pembroke in said State I enlisted into the Army of said United States on the continental establishment for the term of eight months as a private soldier in Capt Freedom Chamberlins Company and joined said Company on the first day of May A.D. 1775 at Roxbury, in Col John Baileys regiment in the Massachusetts Line, which term of eight months I served at said Roxbury, and at the expiration thereof, without leaving the service, having previously enlisted. I entered upon a service of one year as a corporal in Capt Wm Reeds company in the regiment and line aforesaid, which term of one year I also fully served in said Reeds company. From January A.D. 1776 to April following I served at said Roxbury, thence to New York and continued in the State of New York until the 2^d of December, when we marched into New Jersey where I spent most of the remainder of my time, tho' I was in the State of Pennsylvania. At the expiration of said year being at Trenton, I was solicited to continue, and did continue in said service six weeks longer, when I was verbally discharged. I further testify that I am sixty five years of age; am not borne on any pension list of the United States and by reason of my reduced circumstances in life I stand in need of assistance from my country for support. therefore I pray that this declaration may be transmitted to the Secretary of war to the end that I may be placed on the pension list of the United States agreeably to the

the provisions of an Act of Congress passed March 18. 1818 entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war" I was in the battles of Trenton & Princeton, at the taking of Burgoyne, & in several small skirmishes.

Hezekiah Stetson

I Elisha Bissie of Sumner aforesaid on oath declare that I was in the continental service in the revolutionary war during the whole time that the above named Hezekiah Stetson served. We both went from the same town and served in the same Regiment the term of eight months first aforesaid, and in the same company during the periods of one year and six weeks aforesaid, excepting a short time that I was detached from the Company. We were informants most of the time & to my certain knowledge said Stetson served as a brave and active Soldier during the terms & in the manner he has stated in the above declaration by him subscribed.

Elisha Bissie

I James Keen of Sumner in the County aforesaid on oath declare, that I was in the continental service in the Revolutionary war and served in the same company with the above named Hezekiah Stetson during his term of eight months and during eleven months of his years service above mentioned, which terms said Stetson served to my certain knowledge as he has stated

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in the above declaration by him subscribed, I was left behind sick & did not march with him afterwards but doubt not he served the remaining month

Witness
A. H. Parry

his
James Keen
mark

United States of America
Maine District S.S.

Be it Remembered, That on the twenty first day of May in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, personally came Hezekiah Stetson the applicant named in the papers hereunto annexed, and after being duly cautioned and examined, made oath that the several statements by him made in the annexed application, signed in my presence, are wholly true.

And the said applicant further offered in evidence the affidavits of Elisha Bissie & James Keen fellow Soldiers with him in the war of the Revolution, made and signed in my presence, all which are hereunto annexed.

And it appearing to me in the examination here had, that the several persons above named are credible witnesses, I do hereby admit the annexed declarations as evidence, and certify the same as being satisfactory proof to me that the said Hezekiah Stetson the applicant, served as a private soldier in the Revolutionary war against the common enemy for the term of nine months and upwards in continuation on the Continental establishment. And I do

further

further certify, that from the declaration of the applicant made before me, under oath as aforesaid, it does appear that in consequence of his reduced circumstances in life, he is in need of assistance from his Country for support, all which I do hereby certify and transmit to the Secretary of the Department of War, agreeably to the provisions of an Act of Congress, passed March 18, 1818 entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war."

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused my official seal to be affixed the day & year first mentioned

Albion H. Parris

Judge of the United States
in & for the District of Maine

United States of America
Maine District S.D.

At a Special District Court of the United States begun and holden at Minot within and for said District on the fourteenth day of August A.D. eighteen hundred and thirty two before the Honble Arthur Ware, Judge of said Court.

On this 14th day of August aforesaid personally appeared in open Court before said District Judge Hezekiah Stetson a resident of Sumner in the County of Oxford in said Maine District, aged seventy nine years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he the said Hezekiah Stetson enlisted at Pembroke in the County of Plymouth State of Massachusetts into the service of the United States sometime in the spring of 1775 and served eight months in the Company commanded by Capt Freedom Chamberlin in the Regiment commanded by Col John Bailey and was stationed at Roxbury during said eight months. That he the said Stetson again enlisted on the first of January 1776 and served one year in the Company commanded by Capt William Reed in the Regiment commanded by Col Bailey aforesaid and was stationed the most of said year near the City of New York, and was dismissed in the State of New Jersey at the expiration of said year. That he the said Stetson again enlisted sometime on the 1st of Jan'y 1777 and served six weeks in the Company commanded by Captain Reed in Col Bailey's regiment aforesaid and served said time in the State of New Jersey

That he the said Stetson again enlisted sometime in the fall of 1777 and served three months in the Northern Army and was at the taking of Burgoyne in the company commanded by Capt Bradley in the Regiment commanded by Col Gill, that he has no positive proof of this service - that he has been on the pension list under the Act of March 1818 that he was dropped from the same on account of property - that he served as a Corporal in the years service - that he has resided in Sumner aforesaid for about fifty years. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on any pension Roll of any agency in any State, or (if any) only on that of the agency in the State of Maine

Attest J. Bradford

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. Before

Ashur Ware } U.S. Judge for
the District of
Maine.

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion that the above named applicant was a revolutionary pensioner, and served as he states 113 And that Saml. F. Brown, Freeman Bradford, & James Hearsay Junr. Esqrs who took the annexed depositions of Sylvanus Stephens, Sewall & Briggs & James Keen, are justices of the Peace duly qualified & that their official attestations are entitled to full faith & credit.

In Testimony whereof I, John Mussey Clerk of said District Court have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Court on this eighteenth day of August A.D. one thousand eight hundred & thirty two, John Mussey } Clerk of the U.S. District
Court for Maine

That he was born in Pembroke Mass A.D. 1753 and has no record of his age except in the where he was born and was living in Pembroke when called into the service and has lived in the Town of Sumner fifty years since the revolutionary war

His
Hezekiah Stetson
mark

Signed & sworn to before

Ashur Ware Judge of the U.S. for the
Dist of Maine

I Medhuch Keen of Sumner Oxford County State of Maine on oath say that I am 73 years of age and served in the Revolutionary war I well know Hezekiah Stetson who served with me twenty one months and an half. The first term was in the Spring of 1775 and served eight months in the Company commanded by Capt Chamberlain and one year in the Company commanded by Capt Wm Keen in the Reg. com: by Col Bailey. The six weeks I was not with him but I well know that he was detained and tarried six weeks. The said Stetson is the same person who served with me

His
Medhuch Keen
mark

Attest J. Bradford

United States of America
Maine District Ct. August 14th 1832 Then personally appeared the above named Medhuch Keen and made solemn oath in open Court to the truth of the statement by him subscribed
Before me

Ashur Ware } U.S. Judge for
Maine District

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I Sylvanus Stephens of Sumner, in the County of Oxford and State of Maine, aged seventy four years, testify & say that I was a soldier in the American Army, during the revolutionary war with Great Britain for different periods, one of which was served at Cambridge, in Massachusetts, in winter of 1777 & 78 in the Company commanded by Ebenezer Washburn of Kingston, Massachusetts of Col Brooks Regiment; during which time of service, I well remember of seeing Hezekiah Stetson, who now lives in said Sumner, then as a soldier in the same service. How long he served I can not say, but I am sure he did the duty of a soldier then more or less I have been acquainted with said Stetson ever since I know him to be the man who served as aforesaid.

Sylvanus Stephens

Hezekiah Stetsons testimony the term he served is one month.

State of Maine County of Oxford ss.

July 31st 1832 Then the above named Sylvanus Stephens to me well known as a man of veracity, personally appeared and made oath to the truth of the foregoing declaration by him subscribed before me

Saml. F. Brown

Justice of the Peace

I James Keen of Sumner in the County of Oxford & State of Maine, do hereby depose and say, that Hezekiah Stetson of Sumner in the County of Oxford & State Maine served eight months in 1775 under Captain Freedom Chamberlain - Col Baileys Regiment. I do further certify the said

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said Hezekiah Stetson served twelve months under Capt William Reed in Col Baileys Regiment and Gen Thomas' Brigade in the year 1776. I do further testify that the said Hezekiah Stetson served six weeks in 1777 under Capt Wm Reed in Col Baileys Regiment

his
James Keen
mark

Oxford ss. Sumner July 25th 1832

Personally appeared James Keen and made solemn oath to the truth of the above declaration before me James Harsney Jr. Justice of the Peace.

I do hereby certify that James Keen the within deponent has long been a townsmen of mine, with whom I am well acquainted; I have no doubt of the truth of the within Affidavit, as Mr Keen is unquestionably a man of truth & veracity.

James Harsney Jr.

Justice of the Peace

I hereby Certify that I have been well acquainted with Mr. Hezekiah Stetson of Sumner for the last twenty years, and believe him to be a man of veracity, and therefore that his account of his having been in the revolutionary service in the years 1775, 1776 and 1777 is entitled to full credit.

S. Sewall V. D. M.

John Briggs Esq.

Sumner Aug 1. 1832.

I hereby certify that Samuel Sewall is a clergyman resident in the Town of Sumner and as such entitled to full belief F. Bradford Just Peace

State of Maine Sumner Sept. 24, 1832

To the Honble Lewis Cass
Secretary of War of the U. States

The undersigned Hezekiah Stetson of Sumner in the County of Oxford & State of Maine, respectfully states in reply to the letter of Benjamin L. Bull, dated, War Department, Pension office, Sept. 15. 1832, that the cause of not mentioning the time of service for three months in the fall of 1777, in his declaration for a pension under the act of 18 March 1818 which he has stated in his present declaration, under the act of June 7th 1832 he supposed to have been, that then it would have been of no avail; whereas in the present declaration, it is important, as it makes up a part of the period required by the law - 2 years for a full pension.

But the said Stetson says that it is, at this time impossible for him to prove by witnesses this service, as there are no surviving witnesses to the service nor has he been able to find any person, who is knowing to the fact. Yet still said Stetson says that he did actually serve said three months, as he has stated in his said last made declaration; and he earnestly requests that the same may be allowed him in the computation of the time, in the allowance of his new pension as now applied for, believing his request to come within the construction of the law, given by your Honour, by the instructions issued from the war office. If however this part of his time cannot be allowed, consistently with the rules of the Office & by the law, said Stetson, requests that the granting of a pension to him for what service he is admitted to have proved, may not be delayed for the purpose of giving him further opportunity to prove this period, not proved, as he has no hopes, at this late day of being able ever to

to procure the testimony necessary to support the claim -

Witness Saml. F. Brown

Hezekiah Stetson
mark

State of Maine

Oxford 24th September 1832. Then the above named Hezekiah Stetson, who is to me well known as a man of undoubted veracity and generally reputed as a soldier of the revolution, and made oath to the truth of what is stated as facts in the foregoing letter -

Before me Saml. F. Brown
Justice of the Peace

It is presumed that the certificate of the Clerk of the Court to the official standing of the Justice, is not necessary as it is found on the other papers

I do hereby certify that the foregoing pages
numbered from one to eleven are truly copied
from the originals on file in the Pension Of-
fice War Department

Henry S. Addison

I certify that Henry S. Addison who is em-
ployed by the Land Agent of the State of
Maine under a Resolution of the Legislature
of that State passed on the 17th of March 1835
to obtain from the Pension Office certain doc-
uments Records, has made as full an ex-
amination of the case of Hzekiah Stetson
as the Books and Papers of said Office will
afford according to the best of my judgment
and belief dated at the Pension Office, War
Department the 20th day of May 1837.

J. L. Edwards
Commissioner of Pensions